

Naismith looking forward to Euro football next season

Steven Naismith believes it is important that his players recharge during their post-season break ahead of next season's challenges which include European football.

Hearts' head coach (pictured) said the schedule is really intense and said: "It takes a lot out of the players both mentally and physically, so the break provides a chance for them to relax and take their mind off it."

Naismith was speaking at the press briefing ahead of Hearts' home fixture in the cinch Premiership with Dundee at Tynecastle on Saturday (kick-off 15.00) which is followed by a trip to St Mirren in midweek.

The club's domestic season finishes with a joust against Rangers at Tynecastle on May 18.

Naismith's thoughts are also on Europe next season and he said: "We've got an opportunity with the qualifier to get into the Europa League and, ultimately, you want to play at the highest competition you can, against the best teams.

"Whatever happens, we have group stage European football. It is an opportunity for them to play on that stage and show what they have got."

Finally, if you wish to move your seat then the window is open now.